

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please cancel the original drawing sheet containing Figs. 13A – 14 and substitute the attached replacement drawing sheet therefor. Applicants respectfully note that the attached replacement drawing sheet differs from the original drawing sheet containing Figs. 13A – 14 in that the legend “PRIOR ART” has been added to Figs. 13A, 13B and 14 on the enclosed replacement drawing sheet pursuant to the requirement stated by the Examiner in the currently outstanding Official Action in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

This is in response to the non-final Official Action currently outstanding in the above-identified application.

Claims 1-11 were pending as of the time of the issuance of the currently outstanding non-final Official Action. By the foregoing Amendment, Applicants have amended Claims 6-8 and added claims 12-18. No claims have been withdrawn or cancelled, without prejudice. Accordingly, upon the entry of the foregoing Amendment, Claims 1 - 18 will constitute the claims under active prosecution in this application.

The claims of this application are reproduced above including indications of the changes made and carrying appropriate status identifiers as required by the Rules.

More particularly, in the currently outstanding non-final Official Action the Examiner has:

- 1) Acknowledged Applicants' claim for foreign priority under 35 USC §119 (a)-(d) or (f), and confirmed the receipt by the United States Patent and Trademark Office of the required copies of the priority documents;
- 2) Objected to the drawings as filed with the above-identified application on the basis the all that is shown in Figs. 13A-14 is old and the consequently those Figs. should be designated by a legend such as "PRIOR ART";

3) Acknowledged and confirmed his consideration of Applicants' Information

Disclosure Statement of 25 March 2005 by providing Applicants with a copy of the Form PTO/SB/08a/b that accompanied that submission duly signed, dated and initialed as required.

4) Objected to Claims 6-8 as being stated in improper form, namely as multiple dependent claims dependent upon another multiple dependent claim.

5) Indicated that Claims 1-5 and 9-11 are allowed.

Further comment regarding items 1 and 3 above is not deemed to be required in these Remarks.

With regard to item 2 above, Applicants are submitting herewith a replacement for the originally filed drawing sheet that contains Figs. 13A – 14. The replacement sheet attached hereto added the legend "PRIOR ART" to each of the Figs. 13A, 13B and 14 as required by the Examiner. Acceptance of the attached drawing sheet in replacement for the originally filed drawing sheet containing Figs. 13A-14 in response to this communication is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that the acceptance of the attached drawing sheet will totally overcome the Examiner's outstanding objection to the drawings of the above-identified application. A decision so holding and withdrawing the currently outstanding objection to the drawings of this application in response to this submission, therefore, is respectfully requested.

With respect to item 4 above, Applicants by the foregoing Amendment have amended Claims 6-8 respectively so as to depend only from claims 1-4 (i.e., independent claim 1 and claims 2-4 that respectively depend from only claim 1). Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendment overcomes the Examiner's rejection of claims 6-8 as being in improper form as multiple dependent claims respectively dependent from another multiple dependent claim (i.e., claim 5). Consideration and allowance of Claims 6-8 in response to this communication, therefore, is respectfully requested.

Finally, Applicants by the foregoing Amendment have added claims 12-18. Claim 12 is a single dependent claim dependent from multiple dependent claim 5 covering the same subject matter as original claim 6. Claims 13-15 are single dependent claims depending respectively from multiple dependent claim 5, multiple dependent claim 6 and single dependent claim 12 covering the same subject matter as original claim 7. Finally, Claims 16-18 are single dependent claims depending from multiple dependent claim 5, multiple dependent claim 6, and single dependent claim 12 covering the same subject matter as original claim 8.

Accordingly, it will be understood that new claims 12-18 state the subject matter that was stated in improper form in originally filed claims 6-8 in proper dependent form. Consideration and allowance of new claims 12-18 in response to this communication is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing Amendment and Remarks, therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims that will be present in this application upon the entry of the foregoing Amendment (i.e., claims 1-18) now are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of the foregoing Amendments, reconsideration and allowance of this application in response to this communication are respectfully requested.

Applicants also believe that additional fees beyond those submitted herewith are not required in connection with the consideration of this response to the currently outstanding Official Action. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. 04-1105, as necessary, for the correct payment of all fees which may be due in connection with the filing and consideration of this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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